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| re Application of: | Boatman, et al. | | |
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| For: | Retrieval and Connection System for a Disconnectable Mooring Yoke | Atty Docket No. | SOF153/143706 |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action made final March 2, 2005, please find enclosed marked-up and clean copy substitute specifications pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(c). These substitute specifications include all revisions to the specification as filed on November 12, 2003 including the present amendments to the specification indicated herein. No new matter has been introduced. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include 1 replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.